

Councillor Connor J. Winter
St Marks Ward Update for April - May 2022

Council Meetings & Business

I have attended all Council and Committee meetings throughout the past few weeks including the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings where I am not a committee member.

I will continue to do so where time and work allow and am glad that Cllr Blagrove submitted a motion that would accommodate working Councillors more appropriately.

St Marks Ward Work

I have continued to support Prideaux Lodge and have been regularly attending their Residents Support Group Meetings over the last few months.

I have been invited to a variety of events including Christmas Parties and Easter Egg Hunts.

I have been able to further support them by getting the Community Committees agreement for Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning in Little Common after such a long campaign for them.

I have been invited to attend their Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022 and look forward to celebrating again with the lovely residents.

At the beginning of May, I attended another Village Litter Pick organised by The Little Common Wombles (now known as The Little Commoners) which was again successful and has made Little Common look nice and tidy.

On the 8th of May, I attended The Wheatsheaf's first Table Sale with all money raised going to the Bexhill Foodbank - there were a variety of stalls and sellers with some interesting items to buy.

The Wheatsheaf provided bacon rolls and hot drinks and it was a lovely morning well spent in our Village.

It was brought to my attention during May that the old Northeye Prison Site had been sold and the future of the site had been called into question by concerned local residents.

I started doing some basic investigations into the vacant site and had heard that the 24/7 Security Service had been made redundant recently which raised some eyebrows locally. There was also news of new contractors on-site with vehicles becoming more regular.

I have now started doing some further extensive research and have begun making contact with local, national and even international individuals and companies to find the answers.

There are currently no hard facts at the moment as to the future of the site but the only way you find hard facts is by talking to people and sharing answers.

I will continue to investigate on behalf of the concerned residents who have emailed, messaged and rang me over the past couple of weeks to raise their concerns as this is my duty as a local Councillor to actually work for the people.

In May, I was alerted to a missing bin just outside of Cooden Beach Train Station and the amount of dog poop bags and general litter that had accumulated because of its disappearance.

I reported the bin to Rother District Council straight away and went to litter pick that area. It is now tidy and the bin is due to be replaced shortly.

Little Common Wombles
(now known as The Little Commoners)

Over the past three months or so, we have run many Litter Picking Events as well as our first open public meeting last week which was very successful.

The group continues to grow with new volunteers coming along every month and we broke a group record of seventeen Wombles this month litter picking around the village for an hour. Thank you to the Wheatsheaf for always providing refreshments afterwards and for their continued support.

The Wombles have now officially formed as a not-for-profit community group aiming to provide local activities, events and initiatives. We have agreed to change our name to The Little Commoners and create a Facebook Group which has been hugely successful online.

I was elected as Chair at the first committee meeting in May and will work tirelessly for the people of Little Common and the surrounding areas.

Watch out for further updates and news from T.L.C as we begin to grow our new Community Group.

I look forward to attending the many Jubilee Events that I have been invited to attend over the bank holiday period and I hope everyone has a lovely time celebrating.

Thank You,
Cllr Connor Winter
St Marks Ward

